Abstract of the Disclosure

A water insoluble, biocompatible composition that is

formed by a method which combines, in an aqueous mixture, a 208 polyanionic polysaccharide, a nucleophile, and an activating 209 210 agent, under conditions sufficient to form the composition. 211 Also, a water insoluble, biocompatible composition that is 212 formed by a method which combines, in an aqueous mixture, a polyanionic polysaccharide, a modifying compound, a 213 214 nucleophile and an activating agent under conditions 215 sufficient to form the composition. 216 APPL2330 217 IJij. M.

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